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SUBJECT: DEEPSEA VENTURES, INC. MINING CLAIM

1. DEPARTMENT ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO
PRESS INQUIRIES REGARDING LETTER TO SEC STATE FROM DEEPSEA
VENTURES, INC.:

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 15, 1974, A
LETTER FROM MR. JOHN E. FLIPSE, PRESIDENT OF DEEPSEA VEN-
TURES, INC., DESCRIBED AS A "NOTICE OF DISCOVERY AND CLAIM
OF EXCLUSIVE MINING RIGHTS AND REQUEST FOR DIPLOMATIC PRO-
TECTION AND PROTECTION OF INVESTMENT, BY DEEPSEA VENTURES,
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INC. THIS CLAIM IDENTIFIES AN AREA IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN THAT IS BEYOND THE NATIONAL JURISDICTION OF ANY STATE AND ASSERTS THAT DEEPSEA VENTURES, INC. HAS DISCOVERED AND TAKEN POSSESSION OF, AND IS NOW ENGAGED IN DEVELOPING AND EVALUATING, AS THE FIRST STAGES OF MINING A DEPOSIT OF SEABED MANGANESE NODULES." DEEPSEA VENTURES ASSERTS THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO DEVELOP, EVALUATE AND MINE THE DEPOSIT AND TO TAKE, USE AND-SELL ALL OF THE MANGANESE NODULES IN, AND THE MINERALS AND METALS DERIVED THEREFROM.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DOES NOT GRANT OR RECOGNIZE EXCLUSIVE MINING RIGHTS TO THE MINERAL RESOURCES OF AN AREA OF THE SEABED BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION.

THE APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAW OF THE SEA IS THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA AND NOT UNILATERAL CLAIMS. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A WIDELY ACCEPTABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE LAW OF THE SEA TREATY IN 1975 THAT WOULD INCLUDE A REGIME AND MACHINERY FOR THE EXPLORATION FOR AND EXPLOITATION OF THE MINERAL RESOURCES OF THE DEEP SEABED BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION.

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON DEEP OCEAN MINING PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IS THAT THE MINING OF THE SEABED BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION MAY PROCEED AS A FREEDOM OF THE HIGH SEAS UNDER EXISTING INTERNATIONAL LAW.

2. EMBOFF MAY TRANSMIT STATEMENT TO FRG LOS DEL AS APPROPRIATE . KISSINGER

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